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SUBJECT: ARMS LIMITATION

1. APRIL 2 EL PAIS (LEFT CENTER): "THE UNITED STATES AND
THE SOVIET UNION YESTERDAY INTENSIFIED THEIR CROSSFIRE
OF REPROACHES FOR THE FAILURE OF NEGOTIATIONS
...ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI SAID THAT THE SOVIETS...HAD
'STOPPED A GIANT STEP TOWARD DISARMAMENT.' BRZEZINSKI
ALSO INDICATED THAT CARTER WOULD NOT ABANDON HIS EUROPEAN
ALLIES NOR MODIFY HIS POLICY IN DEFENSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS."

2. JOSE LUIS GOTOR WRITES FROM ROME FOR APRIL 2 EL PAIS:
"ITALIAN PRESS AND POLITICAL CIRCLES AGREE THAT THE
FAILURE OF...VANCE IN MOSCOW WEAKENS EUROCOMMUNISM AND
...DETENTE; BECAUSE OF THIS, SO IT IS BELIEVED IN ITALY
THE HALT TO THE SECOND SALT ROUND IS MORE POLITICAL THAN
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TECHNICAL...ITALIAN COMMENTARIES ABOUT THE SPECIFIC
WEIGHT OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE IN THE FAILURE OF THE
CONVERSATIONS WITH MOSCOW AGREED WITH THE DECLARATION IN
ROME...BY ANDREI SINIAVSKI, IN THE SENSE THAT 'COMMUNISM
IN THE USSR HAS DIED AS A DOCTRINE' AND THAT 'NOT EVEN
THE GOVERNMENT BELIEVED IN IT.'

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3. "FOR THEIR PART, THE ITALIAN COMMUNISTS FEEL UN-
COMFORTABLE WITH THIS NEW SITUATION. THEY KNOW THAT A
HARDENING BETWEEN THE U.S. AND USSR WOULD NEGATIVELY AFFECT
CUROCOMMUNISM, TO SUCH A DEGREE THAT THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER
OF THE PCI YESTERDAY REFERRED TO ITALIAN INTERFERENCE IN
UNITED STATES FOREIGN POLICY, REFERRING TO AN ITEM PUBLISHED
BY THE WASHINGTON POST AND DENIED BY THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR
IN ROME, THAT AFFIRMED THAT THE WHITE HOUSE HAD PREPARED FOR
LAST MARCH 18 A DECLARATION FAVORABLE TO THE PCI, BUT WHICH WAS
HALTED...BY BRZEZINSKI AS A RESULT OF PRESSURES FROM...
GIULIO ANDREOTTI."

4. APRIL 2 DIARIO 16 (MODERATE LEFT SENSATIONALIST):
"THE SOVIET UNION HAS PROPOSED TO THE UNITED STATES THE
INTRODUCTION, WITHIN THE SALT CONVERSATIONS, OF A FORMAL
PROHIBITION OF THE USE OF THE AMERICAN ADVANCED BASES IN
THE MEDITERRANEAN, ACCORDING TO...VANCE. AMERICAN OFFICIALS
LINKED THIS NEW SOVIET EFFORT TO DISCUSS THE THEME OF THE
AMERICAN NUCLEAR PRESENCE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN, WHICH
PRESUMABLY INCLUDES THE BASES OF ROTA AND TORREJON IN SPAIN.,
WITH THE RECENT PROPOSAL BY THE WARSAW PACT TO NATO TO LIMIT
MEMBERSHIP...IN BOTH ORGANIZATIONS, VANCE ADMITTED THAT THE
INTRODUCTION OF THE TOPIC OF THE BASES...NOT ONLY CONTRIBUTED
TO THE FAILURE OF THIS ROUND OF CONVERSATIONS...BUT THAT IT
ALSO THREATENED TO 'MODIFY THE VERY ESSENCE OF THE
NEGOTIATIONS'..."

5. APRIL 3ABC (DEMOCRATIC CONSERVATIVE) REPORTER RAMON
PEDROS WRITES FROM MOSCOW: "IN TWO AND A HALF MONTHS SINCE
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THE TAKING OF THE PRESIDENTIAL OFFICE, THE SOVIET POSTURE
TOWARD THE NEW DEMOCRATIC ADMINISTRATION HAS CHANGED
SUBSTANTIALLY. THAT YOUNG MAN, AT LEAST APPARENTLY A BIT
INGENUOUS AND VERY IDEALISTIC, HAS COME OUT A FINE THING
FOR MOSCOW. NOW GERALD FORD IS PUT FORTH AS AN EXAMPLE, FOR
HE WAS NOT SO 'INCOHERENT' AND, FURTHER, THE ROT INHERENT
IN BOURGEOIS SOCIETY MADE HIM FALL INTO VLADIVOSTOCK...
THE PRESS CONFERENCE OF ANDRE GROMYKO...SERVED TO...
DENOUNCE THE 'INSTABILITY' OF THE WHITE HOUSE... THE SOVIET
FOREIGN MINISTER SAID THAT ALL THE VANCE HAD BROUGHT WAS
PURE VERBAGE TO JUGGLE THE PROBLEM THROUGH A 'SLIPPERY
AND DIRTY MANEUVER.'

6. "HOPE REMAINS. THE DESIRE TO ARRIVE AT A LIMITATION TO
THE ARMAMENTS RACE REMAINS...THE CYRUS VANCE AFFAIR
COULD BE SEEN IN ADVANCE. BUT WHAT CANNOT NOW BE SEEN IN
ADVANCE IS ANY CERTAIN FUTURE. AS THINGS STAND, ANYTHING
COULD HAPPEN TO BREAK THE ICE OF VERBAGE SO THAT WASHINGTON
AND MOSCOW WOULD HAVE SOMETHING MORE SERIOUS TO OCCUPY

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